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DIV OF OIL, GAS, & MINING

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Mr. John Baza, Director
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
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Dear Mr. Baza:

I am writing to express appreciation to the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining for a job well done in the reclamation of the B&C ("Fayette") limestone quarry upon trust lands in Sanpete County.

Bryce Haas, dba B&H Stone Supply, Inc., operated the quarry for several years under DOGM Large Mine Permit #M/039/013. In the course of mining the operator repeatedly exceeded the limitations of approval given through the regulatory process, and had to be reined-in. By the time B&C ceased operations and filed for bankruptcy a few years ago the surface disturbance reached about 30 acres, and was in excess of the amount of acreage that was bonded for reclamation. Fortunately, the reclamation bond held by the Division was personally guaranteed by Mr. Haas and lay outside of the bankruptcy court. When Mr. Haas failed to meet reclamation demands the Division and Board went through a painful process of ordering forfeiture of the bond to make the funds available for the work that need to be performed.

I would especially like to commend the Division's Minerals Reclamation Program for bringing this matter to a successful conclusion. Paul Baker, the program manager, proved very capable of stepping up to the challenge of securing the reclamation bond and overseeing the reclamation project. Peter Brinton was very diligent in planning the reclamation work to be performed and in securing the services of reclamation contractors. I understand that this was Peter's first major reclamation assignment with DOGM, and he did an excellent job of coordinating the project with SITLA. Paul and Peter even went to extra effort in going on-site to perform the re-seeding work by hand, in an effort to save costs, since the total amount of funding available for the project was marginal.

Today the site looks wonderful, compared to what it was. Numerous abandoned structures were removed or buried, the regrading work is excellent, and we are hopeful that the re-seeding effort will begin to take hold this spring. The only task remaining is to plug a water well upon the property. The well was temporarily left open pending interest expressed by the U.S. Geological Survey in using it as a ground water monitoring site. I have asked Paul and Peter to proceed with plugging and abandoning the well in the near future unless the U.S.G.S. follows up by obtaining an easement from SITLA to enable access of the site.



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I again express my sincere appreciation and congratulations to the Division for a job well done and look forward to continued close working relationship with your staff on projects involving minerals permitting and mined land reclamation upon trust lands.

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Sincerely,

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